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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

USP 6,597,863

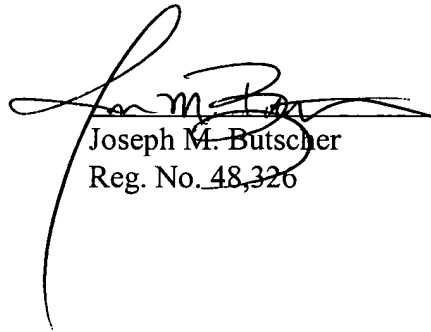
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Consideration of the above-identified reference(s) in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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